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Mr. Carnley Shows Old China Doll

Aubrey Carnley is shown with a small china doll which is 43 years old. Carnley reports the doll was purchased at Christmas of 1931 by his older brother Jay Carnley (who now lives in Crenshaw County).

Bryant Hurt In Accident

Wayne Bryant of Elba was injured Wednesday morning in a one car accident on Taylor Mill Road. The accident occurred about 2:30 a.m. just as Bryant crossed the levy coming into Elba.

TELEPHONE COMPANY STRIKE ENDS

General Telephone Company and the Communication Workers of America have ratified an agreement bringing to an end the 130 day strike of union members. The strike, which affected an estimated 660 telephone employees in Southeast Alabama, has officially ended. Operators reported back to work earlier this week and service personnel will return to their jobs in

Local Fishermen Hit Whitewater Bass

Sally Willis and Sweet Johnson are shown with a string of 22 bass they caught last Saturday morning in Whitewater Creek. The string weighed 30 pounds and were caught in about four hours. The men reported that they "put in" at the mouth of Big Creek and fished

staggered fashion with all employees scheduled to be on duty within two weeks. The agreement, which is for a duration of 15 months, until March 27, 1976, calls for immediate wage adjustments averaging 2.2 per cent, an adjustment in four months of 2.8 per cent and one four months later, in August of 1975, of 2.7 per cent. This makes the entire package worth 14.5 per cent in increases during the next eight months.

Doctors Found Not Guilty

Editors note: This newspaper normally doesn't report on law suits between private citizens, however, several weeks ago a short article appeared on the front page of this newspaper when the local hospital and a local doctor were both involved in a suit filed by a Florida woman. The article prompted a letter OK'ed and signed by the doctor which was also printed on the front page with an editorial reply. With that background and to complete that story the following article was gleamed from a daily paper.

A U. S. District Court jury in Dothan has ruled in favor of two doctors and a radiological firm in a \$100,000 malpractice suit. Antoinette Renardo, 21, of Tampa, Fla., had filed the suit at the court's office in Montgomery against Drs. Hancock, Cooper and Dudley J. Terrell and Wiregrass Radiological Consultants.

She said x-rays were taken after she fell off a horse Aug. 8, 1971, in Coffee County and that compresses were put on her neck and a vibrator used on doctor's orders at Elba General Hospital.

No Accidents During Weekend

Statewide, from 6:00 p.m. Friday through 12 midnight Sunday the Alabama State Troopers investigated 105 rural traffic accidents with 25 injuries and 5 fatalities. Troopers in the eight county Dothan District during this period investigated 7 traffic accidents with 1 injury and no fatalities. The Dothan District has 68 rural traffic fatalities recorded so far this year as compared with 67 at this same time last year.



Sight From Days Gone By

Mr. J. L. Edgar is shown with his wife, children and grandchildren in downtown Elba on Christmas Eve. The family came to town dressed in clothes from the "old days" and on a mule and wagon. Edgar reported that he had a hard time finding a wagon to borrow but did find one near Andalusia. The mule "Pet" belongs to Edgar and he uses Pet to tend a garden each year.



Fire Destroys Pick-Up Truck

Bill Waldon, center is shown watching his pick-up truck burn as local firefighters work to extinguish the blaze. Looking on with Waldon are Johnny Foreman, left and Elba policeman James Spurlin, right. Waldon could not explain the cause of the fire. He told this newspaper that he was inside the TV Cable building working on Channel 8 receiver and when he came out the truck was burning. He also lost a TV set in the fire.



Mrs. Rhodes Leadership Honored

Coffee County's Delegation to the County Leadership Awards Luncheon in Troy recently, included, from left, Tom Casaday, county Extension chairman, Sara Hutchinson, county associate Extension chairman, Roy Sims, president of County Council (holding plaque as County Rural Leadership Award winner); and Nelson Cole, director of public relations for Liberty National Life Insurance Company, who presented the awards.

Inflation Should be No. 1 Target

By George Hagedorn

curb inflation; or
2. Tolerate inflation in order to curb recession.

Prophets of doom, of one school, are quick to point out that unchecked inflation can have lasting disastrous effects on a modern nation. The history of Germany and France in the 1920s and thereafter lends support to that conclusion. But prophets of doom of another school point out that deep and persistent economic slowdown has equally disastrous effects on a nation's social and political stability. The history of the 1930s appears to bear them out.

If this were taken with full seriousness, you would have to conclude that our economy is condemned to die, and the decision between tolerating inflation and tolerating unemployment is merely the privilege of a choice between being hung or being shot.

The third group of economic thinkers—those who think we should fight against "stagflation"—propose a variety of approaches. The more sophisticated think we can evade the choice between inflation and recession by restructuring the economy. Their plans in that respect are of questionable desirability and, in any case, would take a generation to complete. For the immediate present, the stagflation approach seems to come down to the

compromise proposal that we:

3. Tolerate a little bit of recession and a little bit of inflation, in order not to have too much of either.

This creates the picture of our national economic execution taking the form of being hung a little and shot a little.

Actually our economic situation is not so completely grim as it might appear from the three choices listed above—provided we will face it for what it is. During the past decade we have waffled back and forth among the three alternatives. We have fought inflation at certain times but dropped the fight when a business slowdown with rising unemployment developed. We have fought recession at other times and in each instance wound up with a worse inflationary wave than the one before.

At other times, in our national confusion, we have adopted the compromise solution listed as #3 above. Throughout, there has been a strong bias toward toleration of inflation.

The result of this decade of eclecticism in national economic policy is that we now have the worst inflation in peacetime history and, simultaneously, we face the possibility of the worst recession since World War II.

Actually the choice between inflation and recession is not so symmetrical as might appear from the preceding discussion. If you tolerate inflation in order to prevent recession, you will find that you will have to tolerate more and more inflation to achieve that end. That is one lesson from the history of the past decade. One cringes at the thought of trying the same strategy one more time.

But if you tolerate recession in order to curb inflation, the recession declines in severity as you faithfully follow that strategy. That is the lesson of the late 1950s and early 1960s—a lesson we unfortunately did not learn thoroughly at the time. This course of action appears to be our best option for the immediate future.

POOR ORIGINAL

Alabama's U.S. Senator Jim Allen Reports To The People



NATO ALLIES MUST RECOMMIT THEMSELVES TO STRONG STAND AGAINST COMMUNIST THREAT

Following last year's October War in the Middle East, I criticized our allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for their refusal to allow the United States to use European airfields as refueling stops for our planes which were engaged in supply missions. I said then that if our allies could refuse the use of facilities which were built with our own money, of what use was the NATO alliance. I suggested that the United States had come for the United States to reevaluate its commitments, and, at least, to insist on vast improvements in NATO.

The NATO alliance was formed 25 years ago as a barrier to Communist aggression in Europe. We have maintained 300,000 troops and vast amounts of equipment in Western Europe as our part of the agreement, but our 14

allies have consistently failed to meet their commitments in men and weapons.

Even though a unified military command has been operating since the alliance was created, there is no sign of a genuine effort to support logistical and maintenance support of modern armaments. As an example of the inadequacies found in NATO, the alliance uses 25 different types of airplanes and helicopters and there is no standard radar equipment used to distinguish friendly troops from an enemy. NATO's 15 types of tanks use different calibers of ammunition, creating a nightmare for those responsible for supply.

While the Russians supply the Warsaw Pact nations with standardized anti-tank

missiles, NATO uses or has used development some 16 kinds of these missiles. The Chairman of the NATO Military Committee in a recent speech reported that naval ships supporting NATO are equipped with at least three dozen different kinds of radars and require some 40 different sizes of ammunition for their guns.

The 15 NATO countries between them are said to spend some \$20 billion a year on weapons research and development, but since there is so little coordination between them, fully half the projects are being duplicated, wasting vast sums of money.

If the recent Cyprus hostilities are an accurate gauge, even 25 years of NATO training is a failure. The Turks, against almost no opposition, required several weeks to carry out their invasion plans and in the process sank one of their own destroyers in error. For their part, the Greeks failed in its pre-planned mobilization and learned that it was impossible to obtain action before the end of the year. Most likely this issue will be one of the orders of business in the next session.

Just this past week Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger warned our NATO allies against a move to cut back on their commitment to NATO. I think he should go a step further and warn them to mend the failures of weapons standardization and to check the cracks in NATO's structure.

The United States must not put all dependence on the NATO alliance, only to discover that, when the chips are down, NATO is a paper tiger.

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Sutley-Smith Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sutley-Smith, Route 3, Opp, Alabama, announced the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Joy V. Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Smith of Mobile, Alabama.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Kinston High School, and attended Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Kinston High School, and attended Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla.

The wedding will be an event of January 25, 1975, at 7:00 p.m. at Elba First Assembly of God Church. No formal invitations are being sent, but all friends and relatives are invited. A reception immediately following the ceremony will be in the church Fellowship Hall.

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Christmas Visitors

Forty visitors of Orlando, Florida visited with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Parrish of Road 1, Elba, during the Christmas holidays.

Betty was a student at Elba High School during the school year 1967-68 when she was in the sixth grade. After moving from Elba, Betty lived in California, Hawaii and Florida. She graduated last year from an Orlando boarding school and is presently employed with an Orlando service firm.

Betty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Bates (the former Betty Parrish) who is visiting in Elba. Bates was visiting in Spain with her husband, who is on a six month medical leave in Western Europe.

Before returning to Orlando last Saturday, Betty was visited by two of her Elba school mates, Becky Smith and Cyndi Maddox. The girls enjoyed reminiscing about some of their past adventures and catching up on all the latest news in Elba.

I think that the people who live in our community have love and concern for those less fortunate people, and we appreciate everyone who had a part in making this Christmas at Elba Nursing Home one of the best we have ever had.

We at the Elba Nursing Home extend best wishes for a Prosperous New Year.

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Letters To The Editor

Mr. Ferrin Cox, Editor
The Elba Clipper
Elba, Alabama

Dear Ferrin:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your fine staff for the excellent coverage in the Elba Clipper of various activities that have been done at the Elba Nursing Home.

We have never called on you, but that you responded immediately. For this we are truly grateful.

You will never know how much we appreciate the column by Mrs. Shirley Wise has meant to our Senior Citizens at our home. She is to be commended for an outstanding job not only for this, but the cheer she brings to the patients as she visits them each week. They certainly look forward to The Elba Clipper, and her visits.

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NEWS from your PHARMACIST

By BOB ROBERSON

Aspirin is probably the most common item found in a household medicine cabinet. Do you realize that aspirin is just as deadly as any poison when taken in large overdose?

Aspirin should always be kept away from small children in an appropriate container that a child cannot open.

Emergency measures should be taken in the case of an overdose of aspirin. Induce vomiting. Give one or two teaspoons of baking soda in water. Notify your family physician immediately and rush the patient to the nearest hospital or medical clinic.

All medicines should be taken only in prescribed quantities. Your doctor knows best. Prescriptions are filled accurately and promptly at this pharmacy. Come in today and look around.

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COFFEE CONSERVATION

BY: RICHBURG, FAULK & CLARK
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

MacArthur C. Harris was presented an award held last Wednesday in Ozark, Alabama. Charles Harper, Area Conservationist, presented Harris with a Soil Conservation Service Certificate of Merit for outstanding accomplishments during this past year.

Harris is helping develop a soil survey of Coffee County. He walks over the land making soil borings to classify the soil. This helps the farmer and other land users to gain knowledge on the best and most economical use of Coffee County's soil. Harris is a rapidly developing area and the soil is highly erodible. The cost of growing crops is going up each year. Harris recognizes the urgent need for soil surveys and wise use of our resources and put forth extra effort. He walked over the land and made surveys on 67,273 acres during 1974. Harris said that, if we use our soil right, we will keep a strong America.

Harris is doing his part in working with Joel Childs and John Richburg in helping Coffee County farmers produce more and more. Harris is a native of Sylvestor, Georgia and has been employed by SCS four and one-half years. He formerly assisted in developing the soil in Coffee County and is now living in the city of Geneva.

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News From ESJC

G.I. BILL
Bobbie Wise, Veterans Administration "Man on Campus" at Enterprise State Junior College, invites veterans with questions on the new G.I. Bill recently passed by Congress to call him at the junior college.

According to Wise, the new law authorizes loans up to \$600 in any one regular academic year to eligible veterans and eligible persons attending school under the Dependents Educational Assistance Program. This provision becomes effective January 1, 1975.

The new law grants up to an additional nine months of entitlement, under certain conditions, to veterans or persons who did not complete high school and wish to earn an equivalency certificate, will be offered by the Women's Program, Enterprise State Junior College, at Ft. Rucker and Elba during in January 1975.

Two sessions are scheduled at Ft. Rucker, Room 1, Bldg. 5008. Session I meets 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 6 through March 12. Session II, from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 6 through March 12.

The session scheduled at Elba will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Elba Middle School each Tuesday and Thursday from Jan. 7 through March 12.

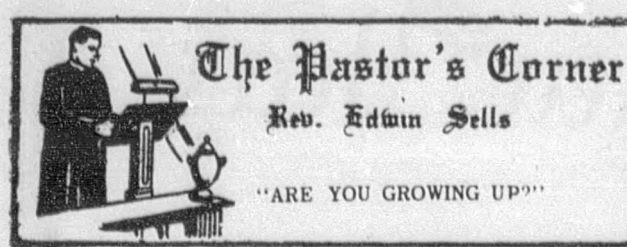
No fee will be charged and supplies will be provided. To register call the Women's Program office or the Registrar at 347-2223 or send name, address, social security number and session desired to Registrar, Enterprise State Junior College.

ADOLESCENT TOPIC
Communicative With Adolescents and Problems of Adolescents, two short courses designed for parents and educators are scheduled under the Women's Program at Enterprise State Junior College. Winter Quarter, Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 6 through March 12. Session I meets 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 6 through March 12. Session II, from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 6 through March 12.

There are many things a person can do to cut down on automobile maintenance expense. Wiregrass citizens learn how by attending the short course, Maintaining Your Automobile, scheduled at Enterprise State Junior College beginning January 7, 1975. Classes will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Feb. 6.

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Church News



Some folks were looking at the picture of a strong, athletic teenage boy some feet four inches, when one of them said, "He's a fine-looking boy, but he doesn't grow up." What did they mean by this statement?

Paul wrote in a letter to the members of the Christians he knew, "...until we attain, to mature manhood, so that we may be no longer children." (Eph. 4:13, 14). He wanted them to grow up. And let me remind you, he was speaking to adults and not to children. Lots of people, you see, are not grown up. How can you tell whether a person is grown up or not? I think we can give a few clues. First, a person is growing up when he refuses to be pushed around. Paul put it this way, "tossed to and fro by every wind." For example, how often do you hear the cliché, "Everybody's doing it." As an excuse for someone doing something they shouldn't do. Even at the age of fifty years of age, there are men and women who are not grown up yet. They have gotten to love not to follow the whims of the crowd and stand on their own convictions.

Second, a person is growing up when he begins to stand for something. The young man

Gleaner's WMU Meets

The Gleaner's WMU met in the home of Mrs. Henrietta Grimes December 16th. The home was a Christmas scene to behold all through the home. A beautiful tree and decorations in every room was enjoyed by everyone. For this meeting all guests were dressed in festive gowns and pants suits to fit the scene and the colors were beautiful.

The Decie Spurling WMU of Westside Church were our guests for this Christmas meeting.

Opal Crook led in prayer in remembrance of the sick and needy of our community and in the remembrance of Christ on this occasion.

Members present were: Henrietta Grimes, Ruth Mack, Pat Johnson, Opal Crook, Dorothy Whitehurst, Agnes Wilson, Betty Padgett, Doris Mallory, Thelma Parrish, Marjorie Morrow, Carol Kennedy, Lessie Harrison, Lavene Kelley, Ruth N. Muckle, and Lorene Bryan.

Guest members present were Mrs. Mary Helms, Mrs. Paul Lowery, Mrs. Roy Johnson, Mrs. Bill Bullard, Mrs. Etta Hudson, Mrs. Clifton Goodwell, Mrs. Gerald Crook, and Mrs. Goodie.

A covered gift supper served buffet style was enjoyed by each one present.

Gifts were exchanged by present, and most of the gifts were handmade. A gift of what is round. Strive to attain the character and goal of service that the Master has for you.

A great resolution for the new year of 1975 might be for some of us to grow up. Put your foot down and refuse to let the world push you around. Be firm in your convictions, and stand for what is right. Strive to attain the character and goal of service that the Master has for you.

THOUGHT FOR CHRISTIAN: "Why not be a Christian 'alive' in 1975?"

Methodist Church Announces Fellowship Topics

"Concerns of Christians" will be the theme followed by the Sunday Night Fellowship group at the Elba United Methodist Church, during the month of January. Each Sunday night, at five thirty beginning January 5th, the topics to be considered will be: alcoholism, mental health, the needy and disadvantaged, and the prison system of Alabama.

Our featured guest speaker on January 5th will be the Rev. Joe Bates, Director of the Alcoholism De-Tox Unit in Florida. January 12th, Dr. Merle Wright, Executive Director of the South Central Mental Health Center in Andalusia will tell us what is being done in the field of mental health in this area, which includes Coffee, Covington, and Baldwin counties.

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HUNTINGDON COLLEGE SINGERS

The Huntington College Singers under the direction of Mr. James Elson, chairman of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Huntington College, will provide entertainment at the Scholarship Rally of the Andalusia District of the United Methodist Church. The rally will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Andalusia at 7:30 p.m., on Friday, January 10.

Local District Plans Rally

The leaders of the Andalusia District of the United Methodist Church are preparing for the district rally to support the \$1,250,000 Scholarship Campaign for Huntington College in Montgomery. The rally will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Andalusia, on Friday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m., according to Rev. Ralph Hendricks, superintendent of the Andalusia district.

Heading up a committee of lay leaders in planning the rally are Ed Hamley, Andalusia, chairman, and Mrs. Ralph Hendricks, Andalusia, chairwoman. Rev. Ben Sawa of the First United Methodist Church, Andalusia, will serve as host for the rally.

This local district rally is part of the Scholarship Campaign launched on Dec. 5, with a massive conference-wide rally. More than 2,300 people from Alabama and Florida gathered to display their support for Huntington College.

Each of the nine districts of the Alabama-West conference will hold rallies in the month of January to raise the needed money. The campaign will conclude with Victory Sunday of February 16.

Those attending were: Dimple Davis, Billie Pilgrim, Nancy Hutto, Peggy Roberts, Jacqueline Marler, Arlene Danford, Marshalee Funk.

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Governor Signs Papers To Help Unemployed



Shooting Puts Two Men In Hospital

A double shooting Saturday morning put two local men in the Elba General Hospital with gunshot wounds. Hospitalized were Ben Jordan and John D. Youngblood.

Jordan suffered wounds in the hand and leg from a 22 caliber pistol, and Youngblood was shot in the upper leg and hip with a 12 gauge shotgun and shot Youngblood.

Both were charged by city police with discharging a firearm within the city limits. Unconfirmed reports say that both face charges by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

Investigating the accident were Elba policemen Max Rayborn and Don Rayford, and Deputy Sheriff Ray Norris.

Store Taken From Food Stamp Program

McCurley's Grocery and Market of Andalusia has been removed from the food stamp program because of violations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) reports.

The store, which is owned by James C. McCurley, was disqualified for six months, starting December 3, after being charged with selling ineligible items for food coupons. Among the items were cigarettes, light bulbs and cleaning supplies.

Alvin Huff, in charge of the Montgomery field office of the Food and Nutrition Service, explained that the store will not be allowed to accept food coupons during the disqualification period.

Huff added that food stamps, by law, can be used only to buy food. The only exceptions, he said, are garden seed and plants to be used to produce food.

The council opened bids on a new car for the police department. Cook Chevrolet was the only firm submitting a bid out of eight auto sales firms asked to bid.

Ronnie Vaughan, who works for an Enterprise car dealer, explained his firm could not afford to bid and fulfill the part of the specifications requiring the successful bidder to pick up the car in Elba and return it when performing warranty work.

The council is planning an in-depth discussion at the next meeting on extending the



VICTIM LOADED IN AMBULANCE

City Council Meets Tuesday ... Disagrees

The regular meeting of the Elba City Council was held Tuesday night with all members present. A relatively quiet meeting was recorded with the councilmen only getting seriously crossed on a vote calling for a joint meeting of the Water and Electric Board to decide the amount of the rate increase for the electric rates. City Councilmen Virgil Coleman, Charles Ellis and Ronnie Vaughan voted in favor of the mayor calling the joint meeting.

Ben Carpenter and John W. Sharpless voted no on the issue. Both Carpenter and Sharpless are members of the utility board, along with Mayor Sam Sawyer. Carpenter told the non-board members they were welcome to attend and listen, but he felt it was the responsibility of the board to decide the rate increase, and not the job of the city council.

A legal question arose over calling the joint meeting. Carpenter told the council he felt it must be by majority vote of both the board and the council or be called by both the Mayor and the Chairman of the Board. This legal question was unresolved at press time.

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Superior To Open New Horizons

One of the legislative highlights of the closing days of the 3rd Congress was passage of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 providing a licensing and regulatory program governing offshore development of deepwater ports to meet the energy needs of the Nation. Priority for such projects is given to the states, first to non-oil related firms, second to oil companies, third to oil companies.

There is a provision giving the states veto powers over construction of these off-shore ports.

Another provision makes both the owners of superports and the operators of tankers liable for damages which result from oil spills.

Passage of this bill is of particular importance to Alabama and Mississippi because it provides the authority necessary for a superport. An agreement, called the Amerport Compact, has already been signed by the two states to create this port facility in a deep water section about 28 miles out in the Gulf.

Huge super-tankers would hook up to large flexible pipelines secured to buoys. These pipelines would go along the ocean floor to holding tanks and to new refineries on shore.

The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway will provide for the movement of some of these petroleum products into the heartland of the United States.

Possibilities are that the superports could also be utilized for dry cargoes such as grain and ores. The prospects are so bright that the State of Tennessee has joined the Amerport Compact.

Another step toward maximum development of the Nation's coastal areas was Senate passage several weeks ago of the Outer Continental Shelf Bill. This legislation would establish a special fund for grants to coastal states to help them plan ways to protect the environment and ease the social and economic impacts resulting from anticipated oil and gas offshore resource development.

Alabama has already received a \$100,000 Federal planning grant, which has been matched by \$50,000 in State funds.

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Grand Jury Happy Over Jail

The Elba Division of the Coffee County Grand Jury was convened on Monday of this week. The eighteen West Coffee County citizens selected for the grand jury were happy to serve.

The group heard thirty presentments, returned twenty indictments and inspected the county offices and buildings in Elba, completing their work before six o'clock Monday afternoon.

The twenty indictments consisted of one misdemeanor and nineteen felonies. They continued five cases for further investigation.

Again the condition of the courthouse came in for criticism but it was noted in the report that the Grand Jury had been informed of the contractor presently repairing the building and the courthouse in Enterprise.

The Health Center seems to be in a good state of repair, according to the jury, but there are leaks around the faucets of the lavatories in the restroom, and the front doors do not close properly. The Grand Jury was told this door has given trouble in the past and they recommended it be corrected.

The jail property and operation came in for praise as the group noted the condition was better overall than it had been in years. Also, the prisoners appear to be well-cared for and properly fed, according to the report of the Grand Jury.

The Pensions and Security building showed some leaking in the roof, which was being repaired. A four-hour period of rain had caused this but the donor should have been notified.

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Bloodmobile Coming Here Wednesday

Mr. Lewis Russell Bivin of the American Red Cross spoke to the Elba Rotary Club at its meeting on Monday. His subject was donation of blood to the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

The Bloodmobile needs 350 units of blood a year from West-Coffee County. Mr. Bivin said. He also told his listeners that West-Coffee has not met its quota a time during the decade of the 1970's.

The Bloodmobile will be in Elba on Wednesday, January 15, from 10 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ, to provide citizens with the opportunity to donate the life-saving blood.

Listed below are some pertinent facts relating to the giving of blood.

*Any person between the ages of 17 and 65 who is in good health and weighs 110 pounds or more may give blood.

*17-year-olds must have parental consent.

*Pregnant women cannot donate, but mothers may give 6 months after delivery.

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ED COMPTON AT WORK

W & E Field Superintendent Disconnects Current After Accident

A two-car accident Monday morning sent several local people to the hospital. After examinations and first aid, all were released, according to local law officers. Those involved included Mrs. Jerline M. Chappell, her three sons, Kenneth, age 3; Scott, age 8; and Bobby, age 13; in the second vehicle was



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